

Remarks

Claims 1 and 4-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10-15 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below, (b) do not raise any new issues that would require further search and/or consideration, (c) do not present any new claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should appeal be necessary. These amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the Final Rejection. Entry of the amendment is thus respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Final Rejection, claims 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, and claims 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with these rejections, claims 10-15 are canceled herein.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication in the Final Rejection that claims 1 and 4-9 contain allowable subject matter.

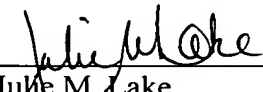
III. Conclusion

In view of these amendments and arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below, should she believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 for any fees due in connection with this Amendment. If any time extensions are needed for the timely filing of this Amendment, Applicants petition for such extensions and authorize the charging of Deposit Account No. 13-2755 for the necessary fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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